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A Look at Media Bias

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False Claim: Unemployment ‘Lowest’ Since ‘Obama Took Office’

From NewsBusters...

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“On *Hardball*, the host, Chris Matthews actually said of the [April 2012 Unemployment] report from the Department of Labor, ‘The unemployment rate did drop to 8.1 percent, the lowest rate since President Obama took office.’....

No!The Bureau of Labor Statistics clearly shows the unemployment rate was 7.3 percent when Barack Obama was sworn in....

We of course are used to **liberal media members distorting economic data for this president’s benefit....”**

ABC, NBC Ignores Dissident’s Crusade Against Abortions

From Media Research Center...

“Despite devoting 33 stories to the dramatic case of Chinese dissident Chen Guangcheng, NBC and ABC have all but ignored the major cause of the human rights activist: Opposing the communist country’s policy of forced abortion and sterilization. From April 28 to May 7, **the two networks only mentioned this detail five times– and then only in passing. Although Chen’s high profile plight might seem like a logical time to take an expansive look into China’s one-child policy, the two networks passed.**”

WashPost Promotes ‘Hero’ Warren on Page One, Buries Gaffes

From NewsBusters...

“The *Washington Post* promoted ‘liberal hero’ Elizabeth Warren, the Democrat looking to retake the ‘Ted Kennedy seat’ in the Senate. ‘Stakes high as liberal hero tries to unseat GOP senator,’ read the headline. **On Sunday, the *Post*’s Chris Cillizza said Warren had the ‘Worst Week in Washington’ for her muddled answers to claiming she was of Native American heritage in professor jobs for a decade.** But it wasn’t the ‘worst week’ in the *Post* – they ran no news story on the controversy until Monday, but in this story, it was buried until paragraph twenty.”

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